

be governed by the State laws applicable to juvenile offenders housed in State facilities, including educational requirements mandated by State and federal law.

Section 21.13.(j) Report. -- The Office of Juvenile Justice shall make a written report no later than March 1, 2000, on the status of the pilot program and shall evaluate the program annually and report on the findings of the evaluations by March 1, 2001, and January 1, 2002. The reports shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

Section 21.13.(k) Appropriation. -- Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Office of Juvenile Justice, the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year shall be used to purchase custodial, rehabilitation, treatment, and program services, including substance abuse and sex offender services.

Requested by: Representatives Culpepper, Kinney, McCrary, Easterling, Hardaway, Redwine, Senators Jordan, Plyler, Perdue, Odom

CAREER STATUS FOR FORMER JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Section 21.14. For the purposes of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes, employees in positions transferred from the Judicial Department to the Office of Juvenile Justice during the 1998-99 fiscal year or as provided for in this act, and who have been continuously employed by the State prior to the date of transfer, shall receive credit for those months of service. Upon 24 months of continuous employment in a permanent position with the State, an employee under this section shall become a career State employee.

PART XXII. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Requested by: Representatives Tolson, Jeffus, Thompson, Wainwright, Easterling, Hardaway, Redwine, Senators Warren, Lucas, Shaw of Cumberland, Reeves, Plyler, Perdue, Odom

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Section 22.(a) Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new Article to read:

"ARTICLE 26.

"Joint Select Committee on Information Technology.

"§ 120-230. Creation and purpose of the Joint Select Committee on Information Technology.

There is established the Joint Select Committee on Information Technology. The Committee shall review current information technology that impacts public policy, including electronic data processing and telecommunications, software technology, and information processing. The goals and objectives of the Committee